E.O.S Finds New Counselor

By Andy Mayers and Sandra Miller

Wesley Rourke, the new counselor of the Equal Opportunity Scholars Program (E.O.S.) wants to make himself available as a counselor for all Drew students.

As an E.O.S. counselor, Rourke assists all E.O.S. students in personal financial, and academic concerns which they will encounter during their four years at Drew.

Rourke comes to Drew after counseling for three years at his Alma Mater, Trenton State College. At Trenton State, he earned his bachelor's degree in Public Administration and completed his masters in Student Personnel Services. The E.O.S. scholarship is a highly competitive, state funded program designed to give eager to achieve students the chance to attend Drew. The selection process begins with the choosing of highschool students in the top 15 percent of their class. These students then undergo a series of rigorous interviews which determine whether or not they are suited for the program. This year, 14 students out of 79 initially screened received a scholarship.

Wesley counseled those students this summer and concluded that the program went well.

Lawerence Walsh, a student involved in the program said of Wesley, "he's capable.... He was always there; he became a close and personal friend."

When questioned about his goals at Drew, Wesley said, "as a counselor, I would always like to be there." Wesley would also like "E.O.S. to be seen as a vital part of campus life rather than an appendage to Drew. Even though I am a counselor for E.O.S., I am available to all students."

So far Wesley has found himself adjusting well to Drew because of the cooperation of the students, faculty, and staff.

New Dean

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Cucchi was also quick to show concern with the increase in the legal drinking age in New Jersey, stressing an interest in the quality of campus life. "We (the University) need to be very careful about it. We must set up rules and regulations to comply with New Jersey state laws," he asserts. He admits that the new laws add a "lot of confusion and complications for the students and the University," yet he has a positive attitude about the implications of cooperative policies at Drew. "Personally," he states, "I don't like the law; it doesn't lead to mature, social drinking. I'd rather see students having some drinks with friends ; this only leads to isolated drinking alone in one's room which is much less attractive to me."

Discussing the recent curriculum changes at Drew, particularly the new computer initiative and the increase of general requirements, Cucchi displayed enthusiasm for the stringent programs. He noted that the computer program "united the faculty in a common effort," and motivated "creative use of the computer." Asserting the idea that exposure to computers was necessary for a true liberal education in today's society, Cucchi stresses the fact that the computer is only "a tool to serve you and help you achieve things you could not do without it."

Although not totally familiar with the degree of change instituted in the general requirements, Cucchi believes that the changes "seem to be a more explicit list of things the faculty thinks are important to a B.A. degree." He views the changes as a more refined guide to a student's education and believes that this is not a negative step for Drew. According to Cucchi, being well versed in many areas is "the mark of an educated person."

Similarly, he believes that participation in student organizations and extra-curricular activities "is part of your education too," and noted that he hoped to "reduce student apathy."

Cucchi's positive attitude and genuine congeniality is the most positive addition to Drew in several years. "I'm looking forward to meeting the students and getting into the swing of things," he stated simply.

If you have a chance, stop by and say hello. It's guaranteed to brighten your day.

Admissions On The Upswing

By Sandra Miller

ALTHOUGH Drew students can't claim to be Ivy-Leaguers, our proud admission staff is able to boast of promising news regarding the rise in the quantity as well as quality of the applications for this year's freshman class. According to Assistant Director of Admissions, John Carese, applications were up 45 percent this year allowing the staff to be more selective in the admissions process. In 1983, 72 percent of the applicants were accepted whereas in 1984 only 65 percent were granted admission to Drew.

In investigating the Drew freshman applications, summer intern Forrest Shue, discovered that the computer initiative incited about 20 percent of the students who applied to Drew. Thus Epsonmania did catch on and was a factor in the rise in applicants. Carese claims, however, that the true significance of that factor is really not measurable.

Of course quantity is nothing without quality, but apparently this year's applications also presented students with a higher academic status than in past years. Statistics show that in 1983 the average Drew freshman ranked in the 82nd percentile in his or her highschool class; in 1984 the average ranking freshman was in the 84th percentile.Moreover, the combined mean of verbal and math SAT scores rose form 1088 in 1983 to 1108 in 1984

An increase in early decision applicants (students who apply early and if accepted are obligated to enroll) is another positive sign emanating from the admission office. In 1982, 9 percent of the applications were early decision whereas an 11 percent increase brought this figure up to 21 percent in 1984. Carese believes that these figures are promising. He claims, "More students feel strongly about Drew and are making it their first choice."

Along with changes in the applicants have come changes in the admissions staff. Bill Conley, formerly the associate director of admissions of Lafayette College in Pensylvania replaced Dan Boyer as Drew's director of admissions. Boyer left Drew to become the director of placement at Miss Porter's School in Connecticut. Kamella Ward-Clark also joined the staff after serving as assistant dean at the George School in Pennsylvania. She will be an assistant director of admissions at Drew working mainly toward the recruitment of minority and international students.

So it's thumbs up for the admissions office as we welcome the class of 1988 to Drew. Representing 19 states and 10 foreign countries, the freshman bring cultural diversity with their academic excellence. Harvard or Yale we may not be, but what we are is good and seems to be getting better every year

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